

Public Comment Period and Meeting

Proposal for Cleaning Up Lead-Contaminated Soil Former Murrieta Christian Academy Site (Crossroads Investors III Property) Murrieta, California

The public is invited to review and comment on a plan for cleaning up lead-contaminated soil at the former Murrieta Christian Academy/Oakley Battery Plant site in Murrieta, California. This property is owned by Crossroads Investors III, LLC. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will accept comments on the cleanup proposal, called a Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW), from July 8, 2002 through August 7, 2002. DTSC will also hold a public meeting to discuss the plan and take oral comments (see details below). The 20-acre property at 24250 Adams Ave., now a vacant lot, was the site of a battery recycling facility in the 1950s, and later the Murrieta Christian Academy in the 1980s. The battery recycling operation resulted in lead contamination in the soil at levels high enough to present a health risk if not cleaned up. The proposal is to remove all soil with lead above 150 parts per million (the level determined to be safe for residential use) and take it to a permitted offsite facility for treatment and/or disposal. DTSC has also issued for public comment a Draft Negative Declaration, which is the determination that the proposed cleanup plan would not have a significant negative effect on the environment. The Draft RAW and Draft Negative Declaration are available at the Murrieta Library at 39589 Los Alamos Road in Murrieta. Please send written comments, emailed or postmarked by August 7, 2002, to Mr. Pradip Desai, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Email: pdesai@dtsc.ca.gov. The documents are also available at the DTSC office at the address listed above. To arrange to view them there, please call Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337.

Public Meeting

*7 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2002
Murrieta Community Center
41810 Juniper St., Murrieta*

At this meeting DTSC will present the results of the environmental investigation and planned cleanup, answer questions, and take oral and written comments. For more information, please call Kim Foreman, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5324; or Pradip Desai at (714) 484-5471.